

Agency: St. Louis City Police Dept.

Population: 268,345

age 16 and over

KEY INDICATORS	Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Stops	32436	16362	14995	282	412	8	377
Searches	2725	999	1660	24	19	1	22
Arrests	1332	328	977	12	9	0	6
Statewide population %	N/A	85.24	10.25	1.85	1.17	0.41	1.08
Local population %	N/A	47.56	46.57	1.92	2.11	0.25	1.58
Disparity index	N/A	1.06	0.99	0.45	0.60	0.10	0.74
Search rate	8.40	6.11	11.07	8.51	4.61	12.50	5.84
Contraband hit rate	50.17	60.96	43.13	54.17	73.68	100.00	63.64
Arrest rate	4.11	2.00	6.52	4.26	2.18	0.00	1.59

Notes: Population figures are from the 2000 Census for persons 16 years of age and older who designated a single race. Hispanics may be of any race. Other includes persons of mixed race and unknown race.

Disparity index = (proportion of stops / proportion of population). A value of 1 represents no disparity; values greater than 1 indicate over-representation, values less than 1 indicate under-representation.

Search rate = (searches / stops) X 100.

Contraband hit rate = (searches with contraband found / total searches) X 100.

Arrest rate = (arrests / stops) X 100.

#Error indicates zero denominator.

TRAFFIC STOP STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Violation leading to stop	Moving	25960	14681	10317	220	388	8	346
	Equipment	1684	623	1014	23	12	0	12
	License	6143	1491	4542	58	22	2	28
Stop outcome	Citation	31745	16147	14543	272	405	8	370
	Warning	856	251	583	10	5	0	7
	No action	39	7	31	0	1	0	0
Location of stop	Interstate hwy	8857	6389	2148	76	137	2	105
	US hwy	6	6	0	0	0	0	0
	State hwy	106	61	44	1	0	0	0
	County road	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	City street	23311	9854	12705	204	274	6	268
	Other	156	52	98	1	1	0	4
Driver gender	Male	22482	11418	10217	245	293	6	303
	Female	9954	4944	4778	37	119	2	74
Driver age	17 and under	650	324	306	5	8	0	7
	18-29	14326	6748	7086	159	156	2	175
	30-39	8409	4156	3935	60	140	2	116
	40 and over	9051	5134	3668	58	108	4	79

SEARCH STATS		Total	White	Black	Hispanic	Asian	Am. Indian	Other
Probable cause/ authority to search	Consent	447	143	295	3	3	0	3
	Inventory	120	24	96	0	0	0	0
	Drug/alcohol odor	165	72	86	4	2	0	1
	Incident to arrest	813	207	595	5	2	0	4
	Plain view contraband	59	17	40	2	0	0	0
	Reasonable suspicion-weapon	119	23	95	1	0	0	0
	Drug-dog alert	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
	Other	1269	593	636	11	13	1	15
What searched	Driver	501	143	349	4	3	0	2
	Car/property	81	35	42	2	1	0	1
	Driver & Property	950	242	693	8	2	0	5
Search duration	0-15 minutes	1487	406	1056	13	6	0	6
	16-30 minutes	87	19	67	1	0	0	0
	31+ minutes	27	14	11	0	0	0	2
Contra-band found	Drugs/alcohol	167	38	127	2	0	0	0
	Currency	34	7	27	0	0	0	0
	Weapon	16	3	13	0	0	0	0
	Stolen property	191	67	117	4	1	0	2
	Other	1045	523	488	8	13	1	12
Arrest charge	Outstanding warrant	814	110	696	3	1	0	4
	Drug violation	119	28	87	2	1	0	1
	Resist arrest	24	3	21	0	0	0	0
	Offense against person	13	1	12	0	0	0	0
	Traffic Violation	317	74	236	5	2	0	0
	DWI/BAC	222	146	70	4	2	0	0
	Property offense	31	1	30	0	0	0	0
	Other	149	33	109	2	3	0	2

Agency response

Some 8.4 percent of the persons stopped by St. Louis police in 2003 were searched (2,725 searches out of 32,436 total traffic stops). Black citizens were, however, searched in 11.1 percent of traffic stops, as compared to 6.1 percent of white citizens. In effect, 661 more black citizens than white citizens were searched. Closer examination reflected that the disparity in the search rate was largely due to black citizens having an outstanding warrant in 696 cases, as compared to 110 cases for white citizens, a difference of 586. Since warrants issued by the courts have a bail requirement, officers must make a full custody arrest in those situations, which requires a search. The data further reflects that the reason for probable cause for the search reported by officers was higher for black citizens than white citizens for all reasons listed, to include incident to arrest (+388), voluntary consent (+152), reasonable suspicion of a weapon (+72), etc.